

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 11 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1004-0-02 (ACCNO 1285)                      Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: EIDSMOE, NORMAN EDWARD                      Date Status assigned: 30 Jan 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	596824	Height	69 in /1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	2 May 1933	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	SO. DAKOTA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QWF662649  
Lat/Long: 184031N / 1053741E  
Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 4  
Mission Province: NGHE AN  
(formerly):  
Mission District: HUNG NGUYEN  
Mission Date: 26 Jan 1968 1933L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 92, Feb 92, Aug 87, Aug 86  
Investigations: Aug 92, Jun 93  
Surveys: Aug 92, Jun 93  
Vessey Case: FOUR  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (2) Probably out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A6A	Serial: 152901
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J52-P-8A
Call Sign: BOOMER 501	1 Serial: #
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

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REFNO: DATA                                      Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: NAME                                      Date Status assigned: 26 Nov 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	676884	Height	70 in /1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA 1941	Weight	171 lb / 77.5 kg	Duty pos	BOMB/NAV
Home State	ILLINOIS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

27 May 1975

ON 26 JANUARY 1968 LCDR NORMAN E. EIDSMOE, PILOT AND — NAME —, NAVIGATOR/BOMBARDIER, WERE LAUNCHED FROM THE USS RANGER IN AN A6A, (BUNO 152901) ON A NIGHT, LOW LEVEL BOMBING MISSION AGAINST VINH AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM. THE STRIKE WAS PLANNED AS A TWO-PLANE, COORDINATED, LOW-LEVEL, LOFT BOMBING ATTACK WITH AN ON-TARGET TIME OF 1940 HOURS. THE FLIGHT WAS BRIEFED TO RENDEZVOUS AFTER TAKEOFF, PROCEED IN FORMATION TO THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) WG 880 040, AND THEN THE TWO AIRCRAFT WERE TO SEPARATE AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE TARGET.

AT 1900 HOURS LCDR EIDSMOE'S AIRCRAFT WAS LAUNCHED, THE SECOND A6A WAS NOT LAUNCHED BECAUSE OF RADIO DIFFICULTIES. LCDR EIDSMOE'S AIRCRAFT DISAPPEARED FROM POSITIVE RADAR CONTACT AT 1933 HOURS, IN THE VICINITY OF WF 715 715. THIS WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE FLIGHT PLAN, SO RADAR CONTROLLERS ASSUMED THAT ALL WAS PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED. AT 1933 HOURS LCDR EIDSMOE TRANSMITTED THE PREARRANGED SIGNAL TO INDICATE HE WAS SIX MINUTES FROM THE TARGET. THIS WAS THE LAST TRANSMISSION RECEIVED FROM HIS AIRCRAFT. WHEN LCDR EIDSMOE FAILED TO CALL "OFF TARGET", SUPPORT AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED TO REGAIN RADIO CONTACT AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WAS INITIATED.

DURING THE MISSION THE WEATHER IN THE AREA WAS HAZY, LIGHT DRIZZLE, WITH OVERCAST AT 500 FEET. AT THE COAST-IN POINT THERE WERE SEVERAL SMALL HILLS, WITH ONE PEAK RISING TO 486 FT. THE NEXT DAY PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE WAS MADE IN THE HILLY AREA ON THE CHANCE THAT THIS WAS WHERE THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED, BUT NOTHING WAS LOCATED. (REF 1 & 2)

AN NVA PRISONER REPORTED IN APRIL 1972 THAT ONE MORNING IN LATE JANUARY 1968 HE SAW A BURNING AIRCRAFT PASSING OVERHEAD IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, AND THEN THE PLANE DISAPPEARED. THIS SAME NVA SOLDIER ALSO REPORTED THAT IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) WF 668 598 HE SAW A U.S. POW WITH 20 MILITIA MEN. THE NVA SOLDIER GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE POW WHICH MATCHED LCDR EIDSMOE, AND HE IDENTIFIED LCDR EIDSMOE FROM AN ALBUM OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS THE MAN THAT MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE U.S.

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LCDR EIDSMOE AND NAME ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

CASE: 1004

=== REFERENCES ===

27 May 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, ATTACK SDR, 14 FEB 68. <2> MEMO, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, 16 NOV 73. <3> RPT, HQ 1021ST USAF FLD ACTY SQDN, IR 1 516 0182 72, 28 APR 72. <4> 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. <5> CJTFFA DET ONE BK TH, 240354Z JUL 93. <6> CJTFFA DET ONE, 240131Z SEP 92.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON NAME AND NORMAN E. EIDSMOE WAS PASSED DURING THE 13-16 AUG 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO BOTH PARTIES WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

11 March 1992

CASE 1004 NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM DURING THE 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING. (REF 4)

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1004 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

27 May 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: NAME DATA, AND NORMAN E. EIDSMOE, 1004-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

6 May 1975

COORDINATES CHANGED FROM WF 702 712 TO WF 730 730 BASED ON LETTER, ATTACK SQDRN, 165, 14 FEB 68. SUBJ: MIA REPORT RE; NAME 676884/1320 USN.

CASE: 1004 === JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

2 August 1993

ON 9 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1004. THE TEAM SURVEYED ALLEGED CRASH AND BURIAL SITES. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE NEW WITNESS WHO CLAIMS HE FOUND A LEG AND A PILOTS'S FLIGHT BAG AT THE CRASH SITE. HE BURIED THE LEG NEARBY. SINCE THEN, A HOUSE HAS BEEN BUILT ON THE SITE. THE WITNESS ALLOWED THE TEAM TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE BAG WHICH CARRIED THE NAME OF ONE OF THE TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CASE. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS OR WRECKAGE DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. (REF 5)

9 August 1993

WHILE PURSUING A LEAD ON A DIFFERENT CASE IN HUNG THAI VILLAGE, HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, NGHE AN PROVINCE, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM OBTAINED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AERIAL EXPLOSION AND CRASH OF AN AIRCRAFT ON THE EVENING OF THE 27TH DAY OF 12TH LUNAR MONTH, 1967. MILITIA GATHERED AND BURIED SCATTERED REMAINS THE NEXT DAY. THE TEAM EXAMINED AND RECORDED DATA FROM THE WRECKAGE ALLEGEDLY RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE, BUT WAS UNABLE TO EXAMINE A DATA PLATE IN THE MR-4 MUSEUM. THE LOCATION, TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO 1004. (REF 6)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 20 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1005-0-01 (ACCNO 5676)  
Name: MILLS, JAMES DALE

Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 15 Mar 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	080124	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	1 Jul 1937	Weight	164 lb / 74.3 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 49PBT016564  
Lat/Long: 155212N / 1081248E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG  
(formerly):  
Mission District: DIEN BAN  
Mission Date: 29 Jan 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Mar 92  
Investigations: Apr 92, Aug 93  
Surveys: Apr 92, Aug 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE  
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A4E	Serial: 149976
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: #	1 Serial: #
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